

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A first communication device comprising:
means for receiving an instant messaging (IM) message from a sender directed to a first IM address;

means for prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;

means for conveying the IM message to a the second IM address on a the second communication device; and

means for indicating to the second communication device that the message originated from the sender.

2. (Currently Amended) A first communication device comprising:
receive logic configured to receive, from a sender, an instant messaging (IM) message directed to a first IM address; ~~and~~

prompt logic configured to prompt the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;

convey logic configured to convey the IM message to a the second IM address on a the second communication device; and

indicate logic configured to indicate to the second communication device that the message originated from the sender.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the convey logic is further configured to

automatically convey the IM message to the second communication device.

4. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:
receiving an instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the IM message being intended for a recipient at a first IM address;
prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;
conveying the IM message to a the second IM address on a the second communication device; and
indicating to the second communication device that the message originated from the sender.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
determining presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

6. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:
receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM addresses for delivering the IM message;
determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses;
prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;

conveying the received IM message to the IM addresses at which the recipient is present; and

indicating to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

7. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:
receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM addresses for delivering the IM message;

determining a last active time for each of the IM addresses;

prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;

conveying the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time; and

indicating to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active time; and

wherein determining the last active time comprises determining the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein conveying the received IM message comprises:

conveying the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses,

wherein conveying the received IM message comprises conveying the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising:
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the IM message being sent by a sender and intended for a recipient at a first IM address;

computer-readable code adapted to prompt the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the IM message to a the second communication device at a the second IM address; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to indicate to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising:
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM addresses for delivering the IM message;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a last

active time for each of the IM addresses;

computer-readable code adapted to prompt the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second communications device;

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to indicate to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active time; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.